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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
(Case No. 99,297)

In the Application of:	)	
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Yatvin <i>et al.</i>	)	Before the Examiner:
	)	S.A. Jiang
Serial No. 09/993,976	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 1617
Filed: November 5, 2001	)	
	)	
For: Covalent Conjugates of Biologically-Active	)	Confirmation No.:
Compounds with Amino Acids and	)	7958
Amino Acid Derivatives for Targeting to	)	
Physiologically-Protected Sites	)	

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants request a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed June 17, 2004. Their response is thus due on November 17, 2004.

By the signature of the undersigned, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account 13-2490 for the full amount of all required fees.

Applicants are entitled to small entity status.

If the Examiner in charge of this application believes it to be helpful, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact their undersigned representative by telephone at (312) 913-0001 in order to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Dated: October 27, 2004

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